

**Appl. No.** : **10/658,836**  
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### REMARKS

Claims 29-32, 35-43, 49, 56-58, 60-72, 93, 94, 96, 100-101, 103-106, 112, 113, 115, 117, 119-124, 131, 136, 144, 145, 151, 152, 155, 157, 161, 165, 166, and 167 remain pending and are presented for further examination

On page one of the office action, the Examiner stated that "Applicant has suggested an interference pursuant to 37 CFR 41.202(a) in a communication filed August 21, 2003." However, Applicant had merely notified the Examiner, in furtherance of Applicant's duty of disclosure, that the "present application, as amended, has claims copied from U.S. Patent Application No. 10/116,424, filed April 3, 2002, entitled "SECURED VIRTUAL NETWORK IN A GAMING ENVIRONMENT", U.S. Patent Publication No. US 2002/0116615 A1." *Transmittal*, filed August 21, 2003. Thus, Applicant submits that it has not suggested an interference pursuant to 37 CFR 41.202(a).

Further, Applicant submits that the claims of the present application and the claims of U.S. Patent Publication No. US 2002/0116615 A1 have both been subsequently amended, differently, in the course of prosecution. Thus, Applicant takes no position on the propriety of an interference proceeding based on the now pending claims. Accordingly, unless the Examiner finds interfering subject matter, Applicant requests that the pending claims in the present application be allowed so that the application may proceed to issue.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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